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Total Disbelief

IT'S GETTING so nothing seems right anymore.

Like, for instance, the news that Our Braves play their first—and only scheduled—doubleheader tonight against the San Francisco Giants. Surely, that isn't right, is it?

A team couldn't lose all those games—33, the most in the major leagues—playing one game a night.

Whatever, the Braves offer their version of baseball's biggest bargain tonight, and as the Atlanta informants proclaim, when the Braves are involved, doubleheader records have a chance to fall.

For instance:

The Braves' last doubleheader record came in Atlanta Stadium in 1972. In August of '72, Nate Colbert of the San Diego Padres set the record for most total bases and most RBIs in a doubleheader. He had 22 and 13, respectively.

FOR THE RECORD, and because we get an occasional inquiry concerning same, the first doubleheader in baseball came in 1882.

As might be anticipated, the doubleheader was the result of necessity. Worcester and Providence had been rained out of an important game, so the next day they were forced to play two. That set the precedent for the most unusual deal in sports—the baseball doubleheader. Two contests for the



PHILADELPHIA — Sixers' coach Gene Shue presses a thumb to his lips as he considers tonight's NBA playoff game against the Portland Trail Blazers here.

Sixers' Coach Ponders Lineup Change To Break Slump

Shue May Bench McGinnis

By RALPH BERNSTEIN

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia 76ers Coach Gene Shue is thinking about replacing slump-ridden George McGinnis in the starting lineup for the fifth game of the National Basketball Association championship series.

The 76ers and the Portland Trail Blazers are tied 2-2 in the best-of-seven playoff, each team winning on its home court. The fifth game is here tonight, the sixth in Portland Sunday, and a seventh, if necessary, here on June 8.

SHUE MADE IT clear that he had not decided on whether to start Steve Mix in place of McGinnis.

"I was asked what my thoughts might be in that area and I left it open," Shue said. "I am considering it. It is a possibility."

The thought here is that Shue will stay with McGinnis, a super star forward who averaged 21 points a game in the regular season, but has been in a deepening playoff slump. In the four games with Portland, he is averaging 9.8 from the floor, a poor 33 per cent, and seven for 13 at the foul line, just 53.7 per cent.

An indication of Shue's thinking could be in the words of Sixers assistant coach Jack McMahon.

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Golfer Tom Weiskopf reacts as a birdie putt on the fifth hole fails to drop during yesterday's first round of the Kemper Open.

And yesterday as his team prepared for the title game, Dugan called them together on a dusty sandlot field where they have practiced during their stay here.

"When I started coaching baseball, I set three goals for myself as a coach," Dugan told his team. "I wanted to win 500 games, I wanted to write a book about baseball and I wanted to win a national championship.

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Dream Night Looms In Bisons' Title Bid

By JEFF HANNA

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ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — For 17 years Ken Dugan has been waiting for this night.

Ever since he became baseball coach at David Lipscomb College, Dugan has had his sights set on a national championship. His dogged pursuit of that goal has brought Dugan close in the past. Twice before Dugan's Bisons have finished second in the NAIA World Series.

TONIGHT LIPSCOMB GETS its third — and perhaps its best — opportunity to fulfill Dugan's dreams when the Bisons meet Southeastern Oklahoma at 7:30 p.m. in the championship game of the double elimination tourna-

ment.

The Oklahoma team gained the championship berth by edging LaVerne, 8-7, on a run-scoring single with one out in the bottom of the ninth last night after LaVerne had rallied to tie the score, 7-7, with four runs in the top of the ninth.

Dugan's Bisons, pushed into the backseat of the NAIA World Series one week ago, have made the long climb through the losers' bracket into the driver's seat.

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